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REMARKS

Claims 1 and 4-8 have been amended, and claims 13-18 have been cancelled. New claims 19-22 have been added. Claims 1-12 and 19-22 are presently pending in the application.

The Office Action rejected claims 1-12 on prior art. Regarding these rejections, claims 1-3 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Guterman et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,712,180), claims 8-10 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Guterman et al. in view of Chang et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,836,772), claims 4-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Guterman et al. in view of Applicants Admitted Prior Art (AAPA), and claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Guterman et al. and Chang et al. as applied to claim 8 above and further in view of AAPA. Applicants respectfully disagree with these rejections.

Regarding these rejections, Applicants would like to thank Examiner Ori Nadav for the oral correspondences with Applicants' representative, Kenton Mullins, on September 16, 2004, at which time it was indicated by Examiner Nadav that independent claims 1 and 8 as presently amended appear to distinguish over the prior art of record. Examiner Nadav reserved the right to consider the matter further and to conduct an update search. Support for the present amendments to the Detailed Description and for new claims 19-22 was also discussed. Applicants submit that no new matter is introduced with any of the amendments to the Detailed Description and claims. Accordingly, Applicants request that the outstanding rejections be reconsidered and withdrawn.

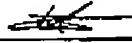
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In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance, and an early indication of same is requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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